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E.O. 11652: GDS

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REFS: A) BEIRUT 5649 (NOTAL), B) SANAA 1022 (NOTAL), C) SANAA A-20

1. AS REPORTED REF C AND INDICATED IN MY EARLIER MSGS, CONSTRUCTION TO ADD THIRD FLOOR TO EMBASSY IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE WITHIN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. THIS ADDITION WILL CONTAIN NEW COM AND DCM OFFICES, AS WELL AS CONFERENCE ROOM. RSO, AMONG OTHERS, WILL THEN RELOCATE TO PRESENT SECOND FLOOR SPACES WHEN THIRD FLOOR COMPLETED.

2. AS THE RECORD CLEARLY SHOWS, THE SOVIETS CAN BE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TECH PENETRATIONS OF THESE NEW OFFICES IF THEY SPOT ANY OBVIOUSLY EXPLOITABLE WEAKNESSES IN CONSTRUCTION SECURITY. AS PROPOSED MSG DETACHMENT IS NOT ANTICIPATED TO BE OPERATIONAL FOR MINIMUM 20 WEEKS, POST HAS NO EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY TO DISCOURAGE HOSTILE EFFORTS.

3. REQUEST THEREFORE TDY SEABEE AND MSG SURVEILLANCE FOR THIS PROJECT. BASED ON RECENT CONSULTATION WITH RSS
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BEIRUT, RECOMMEND TWO SEABEES AND SUFFICIENT MARINES TO

PROVIDE RELIEF FOR MEALS ETC AND COVERAGE DURING NON-WORKING HOURS. ANTICIPATED NORMAL CONSTRUCTION HOURS ARE 0800-1800, SATURDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY.

4. CONSTRUCTION IS TO BE PERFORMED BY LOCAL YEMENI CONTRACTOR. ACCORDING TO GSO, THE FIRST PHASE WILL BE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRICK SHELL (WALLS) TO HOUSE THE NEW OFFICES. AS THIS PHASE MAY WELL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT SLACK PERIOD, IT IS STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ANY SORT OF STEP-BY-STEP SCENARIO FOR THE PROJECT.

5. GSO ADVISES TDY TEAM CAN BE BILLETED IN OUR TRANSIENT QUARTERS ON COMPOUND .

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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